

## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or )  
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Revocation of the Educator Certificate )  
)  
of William A. Versprille, )  
)  
Certificate 230357 )

### ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

### SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 13, 2006. On October 26, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice to William A. Versprille, certificate 230357, by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, of possible action on his educator certificate. Mr. Versprille received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Versprille did not request a hearing within the timeframe specified in the notice letter. After considering the information presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Mr. Versprille.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

William A. Versprille holds an initial South Carolina certificate, issued effective July 1, 2006. He was employed for the 2006-07 school year by the Berkeley County School District (District), assigned to Westview Middle School. Mr. Versprille resigned from his position with the District on October 3, 2006, following an incident where he wrote on the face of a student.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct and crimes against the state. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The Board finds that the information presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for the issuance of a public reprimand to Mr. Versprille for unprofessional and criminal conduct. Accordingly, the Board issues this Order of Public Reprimand.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

December 13, 2006